

THE VVFC NEWS ALERT BACKPAGE AUGUST 2004



INFLUENZA VACCINE

It is that time of year again... Influenza season! VVFC will be taking advanced Influenza orders. Enclosed in this mailing you will find the VVFC Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Order Form. Determine your Influenza vaccine need for your VVFC eligible patients for the entire season and fill out the order form. **VVFC supplies Influenza vaccine only for those children who meet the requirements listed on the order form.** VVFC requests that each practice only send one order form. **All orders must be received by 5:00 PM, October 1, 2004.** For your convenience, we have also included the Influenza VIS.

Vaccine shipments will begin when Influenza vaccine is received by our distributor, which is typically in early October. Facilities may receive partial shipments throughout the season, depending on when and how much of the vaccine is released by the manufacturer.



VVFC AWARDS

Outstanding VVFC Compliance

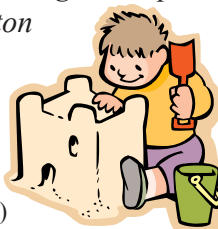
*Calhoun Center, Richmond
Chincoteague Island Community Health,
Chincoteague*

*MCVH Pediatric & Adolescent Clinic, Richmond
Mint Spring Medical Center, Staunton
MWH Aux. Regional Mobile Health, Fredericksburg
Pediatric Associates of Charlottesville, Charlottesville
Pediatric Associates West, Charlottesville
Pediatric Partners of Hampton Roads, Chesapeake
Pediatric Specialists, Norfolk
Princess Anne Pediatrics, Norfolk
South Richmond Health Center, Richmond*

Exceptional Immunization Rates

*Appalachian PC & Specialty Services, Pennington Gap
Child Health Associates, Ltd., Warrenton
Stonewall Pediatrics, Lexington
Tri-City Pediatrics, Hopewell
Waynesboro Pediatrics, P.L.C.,
Waynesboro*

(Immunization rates exceed 90% using CASA software)



PREVNAR UPDATE



On June 9, 2004, CDC published an MMWR indicating vaccine production is now adequate to permit the **resumption of the 3rd dose of Prevnar.** Some providers might have short-term difficulties obtaining vaccine because of distribution delays; however, every effort will be made to provide sufficient vaccine to all providers.

Children with certain health conditions, such as sickle cell anemia or immune system disorders, are at increased risk of severe disease and should continue to receive the full, routine, four doses. For more information and for a catch-up schedule, please refer to the MMWR included with this mailing.



Because the supply of pneumococcal vaccine has improved and the existing need to implement a catch-up schedule, **the VVFC order center has increased the limit of Prevnar orders to 75 doses per order.** If your practice has been authorized to order more than 100 doses at a time under normal supply situations, your allowance is now only decreased by 25%. **The frequency of your orders should not change.** Practices are encouraged to order quarterly unless otherwise authorized. If you have any questions about your vaccine order limit or order frequency, please contact the VVFC Order Center.

ITEMS TO BE NOTED...

- VVFC Return Forms submitted by September 14, 2004, will receive a pre-paid shipping label around October 1, 2004. Don't forget to include your expired Influenza vaccine! Please include a copy of your return form in the shipping box.
- Indicate when your facility is open on your vaccine order forms to ensure delivery during office hours. Don't risk vaccine spoilage due to delivery after hours.

Mailing Inserts for August 2004

- ✓ VVFC Influenza Order Form
- ✓ Inactivated Influenza VIS
- ✓ PCV MMWR, July 9, 2004
- ✓ July-December 2004 ACIP Schedule
- ✓ MMR VIS
- ✓ VVFC Vaccine Order Form

